GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India sought Australia`s co-operation in mining, agriculture, food processing, pharmaceuticals and information technology during the visit of the Australian Trade Minister to India in February, 2003; and

(b) if so, the area of agreement signed with regard to these matters between the two countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) The 8TH session of India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission was held in New Delhi on 17-19 February 2003. Shri Arun Jaitley Commerce & Industry Minister, led the Indian delegation. Shri Mark Vaile, Australian Trade Minister led the Australian side.During the meeting, several areas for cooperation identified were energy, mining, textiles, information technology, telecommunications, tourism, food processing, agriculture, fish and fisheries, banking and education.

(b) No agreement was signed during the visit.